

September 23, 1981

The Marquette County Board of Commissioners met as a Committee of the Whole on September 23, 1981 at approximately 9:00 P.M. following the reconvened meeting of September 16, 1981 regular meeting of the County Board.

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Farrell and the Deputy County Clerk recorded the following roll;

Present: Comm. Carlson, Juidici, LaMere, LaPin, Leone, Lowe, Steele, Villeneuve and Farrell.

Absent: Comm. Cheatham, May and Racine.

Chairperson Farrell opened the meeting for public comment, none was forthcoming and the public comment section was declared closed.

Approval of the agenda was given by the general concensus of the County Board.

At this time a review of the Finance Committee's recommended FY 1982 Budget was held. Duane Beard, Controller, explained how the departmental budgets would be handled this year. They will be submitted in categories;

Personnel Services - Salaries

Supplies - Office Supplies, printing, etc.

Other Services & Charges - Memberships and Subscriptions, Telephone, Travel, Equipment & Furniture Repairs, Inservice Training, etc.

Capital Outlay - Equipment & Furniture.

He said in this way department heads could adjust within their category without having to get a budget amendment.

Comm. Steele asked what the projected interest is for 1982 and was told \$400,000.

Gary Yoder reviewed the budget with the Board, by department, as to what changes had been made from the Preliminary Budgets in July.

It was noted that the \$31,600.00 for Data Processing would be split between Internal Services and Accounting Department.

A discussion was held on the Prosecuting Attorney's request to have a full time Assistant Prosecuting Attorney to replace the half time position now held for the West End. Gary Walker would like a full time position and have this person spend half time as the West End Prosecutor and the other half as extra help in the Prosecutors Office. He is requesting an additional \$13,250.00 for this half time position, and to set up modular units in his office for the secretaries, to make better use of space so work can be handled more efficiently. Comm. Carlson spoke on a letter he had received from Comm. Racine (who was unable to be here) as to the advisability of our Prosecuting Attorney being on the negotiating teams. After comments from other commissioners, there were suggestions such as; (1) maybe you don't need an attorney at the table for all the meetings. (2) hire two interns and eliminate one assistant prosecuting attorney. Comm. Carlson felt expecting non union people to make some fifty meetings a year, on negotiating, is unreasonable. He also mentioned the County Clerk, Henry A. Skewis and Karen Chubb, Executive Secretary, in this response. He felt this should be put into the job descriptions, not that they attend meetings, but that they must attend these meetings, and that it should state exactly what is expected in a particular job.

Chairperson Farrell asked that any questions regarding this position be written down and he would put them to the Prosecuting Attorney.

It was felt after further discussion on the subject that maybe the Board should hire a full time legal counsel, to do all the Board legal work and negotiations, and that it be under the Board's jurisdiction and not the Prosecuting Attorney's Office and then they would not need an extra person in that office. It was decided to ask Gary Walker to attend the October 7, 1981 meeting to discuss the budget regarding this additional position.

In continuing the review of budgets, Gary Yoder noted that they had adjusted all of the travel budget, to compensate for the increase effective October 1, 1981.

Gary Yoder reviewed the changes in Revenue and Duane Beard explained that the final budget figures would not be in until December.

A memo from Henry Schneider, Director of Tax Equalization, stating his disapproval of having been assigned to the Governmental Support Division, was read. Mr. Schneider feels that it was not logical or appropriate to assign a department that does not provide any administrative support activities to a support division. The Board will check into the reason he feels this way.

It was moved by Comm. Juidici, supported by Comm. Leone and carried to refer a letter from Henry Skewis, regarding the salary line item in the County Clerks budget for FY 1982 to the Personnel Committee.

Comm. Steele commented on the Prison Farm property, Chocolay Township. It was suggested that if the Road Commission could be deeded a portion of this property at the entrance for building of a garage, it would be good for security purposes.

Comm. Juidici, and Farrell commented on the Work Experience Program thru UPCAP, they felt it is operated very badly.

Comm. Carlson said he felt the Board should develop a better working relationship with Rep. D.J. Jacobetti.

There was no one present in the public for comment.

There being no further business to come before the County Board, it was moved by Comm. Farrell that the meeting be adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Joy Schlais

Joy Schlais,
Deputy County Clerk

Committee of the Whole

Wednesday, September 23, 1981, 7:00 p.m.
Commissioners Room, Courthouse Annex
Marquette, Michigan

- ✓ 1. Meeting Called to Order.
- ✓ 2. Roll Call by the Clerk.
- ✓ 3. Public Comment.
- ✓ 4. Approval of the Agenda.
- ✓ 5. Review Finance Committee recommended FY 1982 budget.
6. Communication from Henry Schneider, Equalization Director, to Executive Committee on county organizational structure.
7. Progress Toward Objectives/Standing Committee Reports:
 - a. Environment, Lands and Buildings Committee.
 - b. Executive Committee.
 - c. Finance Committee.
 - d. Intergovernmental Relations Committee.
 - e. Personnel Committee.
8. Community Boards/Commissions:
 - a. Board of County Institutions.
 - b. County Commission on Aging.
 - c. Six County Consortium.
 - 1) Request for Proposal for FY 82 Title II-B Work Experience Program, and FY 82 Title IV Youth Employment and Training Program.
 - 2)
 - d. Alger-Marquette Community Action Board.
 - e. Central Dispatch Policy Board.
 - f. CUPPAD Criminal Justice Committee.
 - g. OEDP Committee.
 - h. UPTRA.
 - j. Solid Waste Planning Committee.
 - k. Region XI Area Agency on Aging.
 - l. OAR/Marquette.
 - m. MAC Committees.
9. Additional Business.
10. Announcements.
11. Public Comment.
12. Adjournment.